

REMARKS

The last Office Action has been carefully considered.

With the present Amendment applicant submitted two new claims, namely claim 7 which depends on claim 6, and claim 8 which is a second independent claim.

In the Office Action the Examiner indicated that the application contained claims directed to three patentably distinct species of the claimed invention, namely the species of Figure 1, Figure 2, Figure 3.

The Examiner required to elect a single disclosed species for the prosecution on the merits.

With the present Amendment applicant has elected for further prosecution the species of Figure 3.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 6, 7, 8 are readable on the elected species of Figure 3.

At the same time, it is emphasized that claim 1 is generic to all the species disclosed.

Consideration of the present application on the merits and its allowance is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-549-4700).

Respectfully submitted,



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